

**TOWN OF GOSHEN**  
**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR RECYCLING AND TRASH - RATS**  
**04/12/2023 - MEETING - 7:00 PM - WEDNESDAY**  
*This meeting was held via Zoom and Conference Room*

**CALL TO ORDER:** Paul Collins, Recycling Coordinator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**In attendance at Town Hall Conference Room:** Paul Collins-Recycling Coordinator, Lucy Hussman, and Pat Reilly

**Via Zoom:** Cindy Barrett and Rod Zander

**Excused:** Garrett Harlow, Annette Lott, and Suzanne Rinaldi

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** Minutes of the special meeting of March 9, 2023, were emailed to members for review. **IN A MOTION** made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Lucy Hussman **it was VOTED** to approve the minutes. Motion passed.

**RECYCLING COORDINATOR UPDATE:**

- Paul reported that the "half-price" outdoor dual chamber compost bins are selling well. He reported that the first order was for 22 bins, second order was for 23 and is on the way, and another 11 orders have been received. Combined with the total of approximately 40 bins sold in 2022, nearly 100 Goshen households will be using the compost bins to remove compostables from the waste stream. Paul shared that according to statistics from DEEP the average person creates 1370 pounds of trash and 30% of that is compostable materials (approximately 400 pounds).
- **RECYCLING DAY - APRIL 1 - SATURDAY:** Paul reported that it was a rainy Saturday, 46 mattresses and box springs were collected, 150 cars dropped off electronics, and paper shredding was busy.
- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS:** **June 10**, Saturday, 8:30 am till noon, Falls Village Public Works Garage, 100 Railroad Street, Falls Village and **October 28**, Saturday, 8:30 am till 2 pm, Torrington Water Pollution Control Facility, Bogue Road, Harwinton. Tickets are required to participate and can be obtained by calling 860-491-2308 x 228. The importance of bringing pesticides and unidentified liquids to these events to be identified by the chemist will ensure proper disposal. Paul noted the importance of educating residents not to pour these items down the drain.
- Paul reported the normal phone calls were received and calls regarding composter questions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS:** See Recycling Coordinator update.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **EARTH DAY - TOWN WIDE CLEAN UP - APRIL 22:** Saturday - Town wide clean up day. Paul reviewed how to register to help clean up a road by visiting [goshenrec.com](http://goshenrec.com) and clicking on the appropriate link. Erin Reilly, Goshen Recreation, has bags, gloves and vests that can be picked up at Town Hall after signing up. Bags should be left roadside and Paul will confirm with Garret Harlow, Public Works, that the bags will be picked up. Paul noted that Woodridge Lake Property Owners Association is also holding a roadside clean up April 22 and 23.
- The usual recycling information will be posted on Next Door by Cindy.
- Lucy reported that she attended the BOS meeting regarding commercial business recycling in Goshen. Paul noted that he will be meeting with a USA representative, and First Selectman, Todd Carusillo, April 14, Thursday, at 1:30 pm to discuss commercial recycling options and costs involved. Continued education of proper recycling is key. Discussion was had.
- A video on recycling was shared by Paul via email and discussion was had by members.
- Pat suggested that USA Waste and Hauling be contacted to schedule a school education presentation this fall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** **IN A MOTION** made by Pat Reilly, seconded by Lucy Hussman, **it was VOTED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. Voted unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

*Cynthia Barrett*  
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Received April 13, 2023 @ 1:09 P.M.

Attest *Baudene L. Breen*  
Goshen Town Clerk